GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:515
ANSWERED ON:19.07.2017
Thalassery-Mysore Rail Line
Mullappally Shri Ramachandran;Teacher Smt. P.K.Sreemathi

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any final decision to start railway line from Thalassery to Mysore and if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether any recent surveys for this line were conducted by the Government and if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the project is economically viable and any environmental issues are involved in it and if so, the details thereof;
(d) whether the Government of Kerala and Karnataka have evinced interest by sharing the cost of the project and if so, the details thereof; and
(e) the estimated cost of the project as per the latest study?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)
(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.
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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 515 BY SHRIMATI P.K. SREEMATHI TEACHER AND SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 19.07.2017 REGARDING THALASSERY-MYSORE RAIL LINE

(a): No final decision to start Thalasserry-Mysore new line has been taken. However, Kerala Rail Development Corporation Limited, a Joint Venture Company formed by the Government of Kerala with Ministry of Railways has approved to take up this new line.

(b) and (e): No, Madam. Survey for Thalasserry-Mysore new line has been taken up and thus, no estimated cost of this new line is worked out.

(c): Proposed project is found unviable as per feasibility report prepared by Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Limited, entrusted by Government of Kerala for preparation of Detailed Project Report of the proposed project.

Proposed project is having environmental issues as its alignment passes through reserve forest area in the States of Kerala and Karnataka. In this regard, Government of Kerala had requested Ministry of Railways to move Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MOEFCC) for granting clearance to conduct detailed survey in Forest area for preparation of Detailed Project Report of the proposed new line. After detailed deliberations, State Government has been advised to seek specific approval from MOEFCC.

(d): Yes, Madam. However, no details for cost sharing pattern is worked out.
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